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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERED CONFIDENTIAL VERSION

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk of the Commission Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's 2012 Integrated Resource Plan

**Motion for Confidential Treatment** 

Docket No. 2012-10-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing please find the CONFIDENTIAL VERSION of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("Duke Energy Carolinas" or "the Company") 2012 Integrated Resource Plan ("2012 IRP"). The Company respectfully requests that it be permitted to file the CONFIDENTIAL VERSION under seal and maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226, "ORDER REQUIRING DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS."

The 2012 IRP contains certain confidential information (portions of the tables in Appendix C (pages 145-147) and the tables in Appendix I (page 179)). The information contained therein is proprietary and commercially sensitive, and, if disclosed, could adversely affect the Company's ability to provide least cost resources for its customers. In addition, Appendix F of the 2012 IRP contains Duke Energy Carolinas' most recently-filed FERC Form 715. As FERC Form 715 contains critical energy infrastructure information that should be kept confidential and non-public, Duke Energy Carolinas is also filing it under seal and requests that the Commission treat this information as confidential and protect it from public disclosure.

Thus, Duke Energy Carolinas respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for confidential treatment pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2)(Supp. 2010). A copy of the Public version of the 2012 IRP is being filed electronically and a copy of the CONFIDENTIAL VERSION of the 2012 IRP is being hand delivered to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff under seal.

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Please consider this correspondence as Duke Energy Carolinas' Motion for Confidential Treatment of the above-referenced information in Appendices C, F and I of the 2012 IRP.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Castle

Enclosures

cc: Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esq.